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Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

NOTICE TO THE TRADE

Farm Service
Agency

SUBJECT: Iron Fortification in Corn-Soy Blend (CSB)

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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) intends to initiate an upper limit of iron fortification at 30mg/100g. A scientific study will be performed which should establish that CSB fortified with iron between 30mg and 35mg/100g is acceptable in flavor and taste. FSA will continue to accept fortification at the elevated levels, with appropriate price discounts, until the study is completed.

The following price discounts will apply to all contracts for CSB issued after April 1, 2004, with excess iron levels:

30.1 to 31.5 - 10 cents per 100 pounds
31.6 to 33.1 - 20 cents per 100 pounds
33.2 to 35.0 - 35 cents per 100 pounds

If it is established that iron levels above 30mg/100g expose the CSB to the risk of a change in taste, the upper limit of 30mg/100g will remain in effect and the discount schedule will be discontinued. At that point, CSB with iron levels above 30mg/100g will be rejected.

The announcement will be amended to reflect these changes.

Please contact Nelson Randall, Chief, Processed Commodities Branch, Export Operations Division, at 816-926-6658, if you require any further information in this regard.

/s/
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Director